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1. IowAccess Grant for Online NPDES Permit Access

The DNR received a \$15,000 grant from the IowAccess Council to study the possibility and requirements needed to provide the public with easier access to NPDES permits and provide regulated communities with online NPDES permit renewal applications.

The project intends to: post NPDES permits on the web; post draft NPDES permits on the web during the public comment period to facilitate public access and comments; and provide interactive web-based permit renewal applications. The goals are to increase public access and involvement with the permit and permitting process, and to increase the efficiency of the permitting program.

If you are interested in helping the DNR identify user requirements, please contact Angela Chen at (515) 281-4736 or [angela.chen@dnr.state.ia.us](mailto:angela.chen@dnr.state.ia.us).

2. Wastewater Fees Rules Update

The proposed rule for a wastewater fee schedule has completed the public comment and hearing period. The proposed rule was presented to the Administrative Rules Review Committee (ARRC) in December 2005. ARRC directed the DNR to conduct a Regulatory Analysis for the rule package. The DNR is currently conducting the required analysis and intends to go back to the Environmental Protection Commission in March 2006 for a final approval to adopt the rules.

If you have any questions regarding wastewater fees, please contact Angela Chen at (515) 281-4736 or [angela.chen@dnr.state.ia.us](mailto:angela.chen@dnr.state.ia.us).

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